

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the Town Hall. Council President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with Councilpersons Lou Roberts, Ben Bolton, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lou Roberts moved that the minutes for the July 17, 2007 council meeting be approved as presented. Ben Bolton seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF July 31, 2007:

Porter Bank – Checking	\$ 145962.34
Horizon Bank 90 Day CD	\$ 58087.60
Chase Bank – Savings	\$ 135874.60
Record Balance	\$ 339924.14

Ben Bolton moved that the financial report be accepted. Lou Roberts seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Lou Roberts moved the claims for August in the amount of \$20,934.80 be approved. Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lorelei Weimer of Porter County Tourism and Christina Livingston of Save the Dunes Conservation Fund presented updates of each of their organizations.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Verizon – will be burying a 3 pair telephone wire and boring road to replace service to 5 Summit Drive
United Way of Porter County – Tri Chamber Business After Hours on 9/11/07
Economic Development & Redevelopment in Indiana seminar 9/27/07, South Bend, IN
NIPSCO – Having difficulty reading meter at 4 Shore Drive, overgrown foliage,
Beverly Hubbs – resignation as Clerk-Treasurer
ILMCT – Fall District Meeting, October 17, 2007, Middlebury, IN
IACT – Requesting donation for silent auction at their 2007 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition,
October 7 – 10 in Evansville, IN.
Meeting of the Towns and Smaller Cities of Northwestern Indiana, August 30, 2007
Mary Ann Crayton – roadside mowing harmed her prickly pear cactus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE: Mark Hull

Sent thank you letter and donation to Porter Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance at the 4th of July Fireworks.

MUNICIPAL CODE: Bill Nixon

An update will be submitted in the fall. It needs final input from commissioners and Plan Commission members.

ROADS/ENGINEER: Irv Call

There were 2 wash outs on West Road. Contracted the repairs.
Concerning the Nipsco Pole, need a copy of ordinance and a letter to get them to place line underground.

PARKS: Bill Nixon for Kellie Klein

The tennis camp was very successful. He confirmed that the project to replace 2 tennis courts is underway.

BEACH: Bill Nixon for Rob Carsten

There was an inventory of all boats on the beach between Porter Beach and Nipsco. Pictures were taken and haul numbers were recorded.

CLUBHOUSE: John Sullivan for Rick Demkovich

Eight bids for the renovation were sent out and there were two bids received. He presented a short synopsis of each one. More will be covered under Old Business. Bob Harris, Indiana State Fire Inspector, came for a follow-up inspection of the building. The Clubhouse received the Entertainment Permit. It is posted at the Clubhouse and recorded in a book kept there.

BUILDING: John Sullivan

Mark Phelps requested footprint changes to his plans. John directed them to go to the Plan Commission with the new plans.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konapacki

The tow-behind mower seems to do a pretty good job. The cottonwood tree by the Clubhouse was

removed, but damage was done to the stair handrail. He is negotiating repair costs with the tree service.

POLICE: Cecelia Call

Reported that Gary Tyrrell’s son Brad lost his battle with cancer Friday. John Wilhelm suggested a card be sent to him from the town.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Cheryl Evans

She received a bill from Greg Livovich and gave it to the DACIF. She is still waiting for one for the work done in connection with the Oriental Bittersweet grant. There was a sign put up on Hill Drive to stay off the Miriam grass. She has received e-mails and phone calls concerning sand leaving the town. A discussion followed about the sand and its removal. The Town Council is opened to any suggestions. Cheryl made a suggestion that maybe the Town Council should take a stand on environmental issues such as the BP issue.

SIGNS: Bill Nixon for Jeffrey Swoger

Only three more beach signs to be installed. They will be put up August 24th.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

Lou Roberts made a motion to Postpone Indefinitely Ordinance 2007-3 concerning refuse and garbage containers indefinitely. Ben Bolton seconded and after discussion the motion passed.

John Sullivan and Tom Roberts presented the two bids on the Clubhouse. One from M&M Log Home of Traverse City, MI. for a total of \$258,000 and the other from Leather Wood for a total of \$218,000. A copy of each will be on file at the Clerk-Treasurer’s office.

Lou Roberts moved to accept Leather Wood’s bid subject to the Town Attorney’s approval, available money and possible financing. Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

John Wilhelm read Beverly Hubbs’ resignation as Clerk-Treasurer. He offered the council’s appreciation of her stepping in at the last minute when Anne Hiestand resigned.

Attorney Dan Whitten performed the swearing in of Bill Nixon as the new Clerk-Treasurer.

There was a review of the mowing standards of the Town. The final consensus was to mow the Town one more time to a reasonable depth off road.

Porter County Council President Dan Whitten presented an update on the tax bills. May bills should go go be mailed out in September 13 and be due November 10. November bills will go out as usual and be due December 10. The Porter County Council would like to form a League of Council. All elected bodies would send representatives to the meetings. They plan a communication meeting October 11.

OTHER:

Cheryl Evans made known her request concerning the Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary property.

Ben Bolton reported there will be a golf outing October 7, 2007 and at their request Porter Beach residents will be joining.

Lou Roberts made a motion to grant a 15’ easement across the east side of tract “ R” park” and across the park property along the north side of lots 2 & 3 to provide NIPSCO service to lots 1 & 2 on the north side of West Road to Mark Hull of Hull Design Build, LLC subject to the Town Attorney’s review of the legal description. Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer